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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Takashi NARUSE et al. )  
Serial No. 09/317,916 ) Group Art Unit: 3641  
Filed: May 25, 1999 ) Examiner: Not Assigned  
For: MAINTENANCE METHOD IN )  
NUCLEAR POWER PLANT )

**ATTENTION: LICENSING AND REVIEW**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**RESPONSE TO REQUEST FOR PROPERTY RIGHTS STATEMENT TO**  
**THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

In response to a communication from the Office dated August 3, 1999, issued pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 2182, Applicants submit a declaration stating that their work in connection with their invention was not performed under any contract or other arrangement with the Department of Energy.

If any fee is required for the submission of this declaration, for granting an extension of time and/or for otherwise considering this request, such fee should be charged to deposit account 06-0916.

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The following is an example of an acceptable property rights statement. Statements of this type are, of course, only suitable for situations in which NO Agency funds or other considerations were involved in the making or conception of the invention. While this example is in the form of a declaration, a sworn document is equally acceptable.

I (We) (1) Yoshihiro NARUSE; and (2) Shinichi HOSHINO  
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declare:

That I (we) made and conceived the invention described and claimed in patent application:

Serial Number 09/317,916 filed in the United States of America on May 25, 1999

title MAINTENANCE METHOD IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT



(Check and complete either I or II below)

(Check III and/or IV below as appropriate)

I. (For Inventors Employed by an Organization) That I (we) made and conceived this invention while employed by Toshiba Corp. & Toshiba Engineering Corp. That the invention is related to the work I am (we are) employed to perform and was made within the scope of my (our) employment duties; That the invention was made during working hours and with the use of facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services of Toshiba Corp. & Toshiba Engineering Corporation (name of employer). Other relevant facts are \_\_\_\_\_

That to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief:

III. The invention was not made or conceived in the course of, or in connection with, or under the terms of any contract, subcontract or arrangement entered into with or for the benefit of the United States Atomic Energy Commission or its successors: Energy Research and Development Administration or the Department of Energy.

—AND/OR—

IV. The invention was not made (conceived or first actually reduced to practice) under nor is there any relationship of the invention to the performance of any work under any contract of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

That to the best of my (our) knowledge and belief (and/or) based upon information provided by \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_

—OR—

II. (For Self-Employed Inventors) That I (we) made and conceived this invention on my (our) own time using only my (our) own facilities, equipment, materials, funds, information and services. Other relevant facts are \_\_\_\_\_

The undersigned inventor(s) declare further that all statements made herein of his or her (their) own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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